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For: SYSTEM FOR AWARDING A BONUS TO A GAMING
DEVICE ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK

This application is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 10/256,949 filed September 27, 2002.

Prior application info: Examiner: Alex P. Rada, Group Art Unit 3714

Applicants request FIG. 1 to be published with the application.

Enclosures:

- Specification (pages 1-12); claim (page 13); abstract (page 14)
- TWO sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings (2 Figures)
- Declaration (copy from prior application)
- Power of Attorney by Assignee (copy from prior application)
- Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)
- Information Disclosure Statement with Forms PTO 1449 (copies from prior application).
- Incorporation by Reference--The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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Independent Claims	3-3	-0-	x \$ 84 =	-0-
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